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Animal deaths spark review of Calgary Zoo

INDEPENDENT After the death of a capybara last week, Calgary Zoo president and CEO Clement Lanthier said they will have two organizations appoint a joint panel to independently evaluate the Calgary Zoo.

The Calgary Zoo will ask representatives from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums to conduct the inquiry.

"We have never taken the support of our community for granted and do not intend to now," Lanthier said in a release.

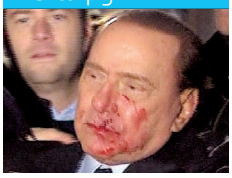
"The animal deaths we have witnessed over the past couple of years… have been cited as something being 'wrong' at the Zoo."

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Curling **Olympic smooch**



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Winning skips Cheryl Bernard and Kevin Martin share a moment after Martin defeated Team Howard 7-3 to win the 2009 Canadian Olympic Curling Trials finals yesterday in Edmonton. Bernard won the women's final 7-6 over Shannon Kleibrink on Saturday. Story, pg 18

A snow decision

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Three separate motions of "urgent business" regarding snow removal are on the table today, but the questions remain: What is the best option, and what do Calgarians want?

Ald. Ray Jones will be asking council to reach into the city's reserves for up to $2 million for better snow clearing. Ald. Ric McIver is asking for the city to install snow fences and Ald. John Mar wants to look to insurance companies to offset some of the city's snow removal cost.

Jones told Metro while his solution isn't perfect, it's a start.

"What it comes down to is, something needs to be done and at the end of the day, we need a solution that appeases most people. We can't have people locked up in their homes for five days," Jones said.

"Something needs to be done … we can't have people locked up in their homes for five days." Ald. Ray Jones

While Jones would support McIver's motion of adding new snow fences, because it could have helped during last week's storm, he is less sure about Mar's motion looking to insurance companies to help foot the bill.

"I'm just not sure how that would work," he added.

For his part, McIver said his motion doesn't have to be the solution, he just wants a solution that works.

"I just want what's best for the city, the best possible solution," McIver said.

Calgarian Jennifer Clark said she would like to know more about snow fences and the insurance options, but would rather the city didn't touch the "rainy day" fund. "Where would the snow fences go, how much do they cost, how unsightly are they? These are things I would like to know before throwing my support behind them," she said.

Wind Mobile not yet blowing Calgarians away

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While the launch of Wind Mobile in Calgary appears imminent, some loyal Calgarians are happy with their current cellular provider.

Wind Mobile, which was given the go-ahead to enter the cellphone market on Friday, will launch first in Toronto and Calgary and later in Ottawa, Edmonton and Vancouver with the goal of having a presence across Canada, except Quebec.

Though it has piqued his interest, Calgarian Troy Heibein won't make the switch.

"I can assure you that I will be sticking with my current provider," said Heibein, who claims his BlackBerry is essential.

"The odd infuriating incident that comes when dealing with the archaic big three is not enough for me to move my lifeline of the world to someone new just yet."

Calgarian Janet Waye is intrigued by the potential for a cell provider to have a better package for her needs, but will stay on the sidelines for now.

"I'm becoming more and more dependent on my BlackBerry and would like to see better options for the social-techies like me. I would definitely take a leap … should the right opportunity arise," Waye said.

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Kitten stalls Macleod Trail traffic

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Free hugs make spirits bright

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A free hug on a cold day goes a long way,

A group of Calgarians braved the bitter cold to dole out free hugs to people walking near city hall yesterday as part of a multi-city Free Hug Day initiative.

"We want to spread a little love and compassion and hopefully people will continue on spreading the love. It's a pay-it-forward concept," said Best U Can B spokesperson Tina Thrussell.

Thrussell and other huggers spread the holiday cheer specifically on Dec. 13 because it is "close to Christmas," she said. "It's a nice way to de-stress and warm up people and their spirits and just spread some warmth."

Most Calgarians respond with open arms, including Cindy Good, who thinks the idea is "fabulous."

"I think it's a great idea especially on a cold day like today. It's a real spirit booster," she said.

Hug recipient Craig Ferguson agreed: "It's surprising, but a pleasant surprise and the city needs more of it. It's nice and also warms you up a bit in the cold."

The group were also selling "Free Hug" T-shirts with half the proceeds going towards Servants Anonymous, a group providing ongoing support to sexual abuse victims.



ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

David Purcell-Chung was group-hugged by surprise as a small army of Calgarians were out giving free hugs to warm strangers' spirits on Stephen Avenue yesterday.

Salvation Army seeks donations to make up for shortfall

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With just over a week to go, the Salvation Army has not yet reached 40 per cent of its $1.2-million 2009 fundraising goal, and that has the organization concerned.

Donations are lagging behind this year and the cold weather has also been detrimental to the campaign, according to Salvation Army Capt. Pam Goodyear.

"We are concerned because so many people are in need due to a variety of unfortunate circumstances and we want to be able to help end the cycle of poverty in our city, but we need everyone's help," she said.

Get involved

- To donate, please call Anne Garnett at 403-410-1112 or go to http://ab.salvationarmy.ca.

The organization believes the economy is also a significant factor in the drop in donations this year, she said: "People are losing their jobs and finding it difficult to find another one. With regular utility payments coming in and high mortgages, many people are finding it difficult to keep up."

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DUSTIN, Maie Hiroko (nee Noda)
GASPAR, Milan
HANSEN, Genevieve Olive Bertina
JACQUES, Lena Henrietta (nee Halldorson)
JOHNSON, Doris Gertrude (nee Blackburn)
LANGE, Kenneth
LEE, Kathleen
McGAFFIN, Geraldine (Geri) Helen (nee Andrews)
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MUNRO, Hazel (formerly Brown)
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OAKLEY, Beth Sanjean (Sandy) (nee Remund)
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ROSS, Audrey Mary
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Crash claims life of 25-year-old man

Police say the 25-year-old driver of a pickup truck died after his vehicle was struck by a semi near Westlock, Alta., Saturday night. RCMP says it appears the driver of the pickup failed to stop at a stop sign and entered the highway, where his vehicle was struck by a semi. METRO HALIFAX

Japan inspires contest winner

Visiting Japan has long been a dream of one Calgarian — and that vision of the Orient translated to a snowboard won him a big prize.

Burton snowboards awarded Stephen Tran, 19, a $3,500 snowboard package in a Metro-sponsored contest with WinSport Canada for the design, selected from among hundreds of entries.

"Going to Japan was always something I've really wanted to do," said Tran. "I just like the city views, and that why I have part of the city on the back."

Tran, an architectural design student at SAIT and lifelong Calgarian said though he's not an avid snowboarder now — the contest win has lit the fire to strap on a board.

For WinSport Canada, the hugely successful contest got the local snowboard community involved.

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Stephen Tran, 19, shows off his winning snowboard design.

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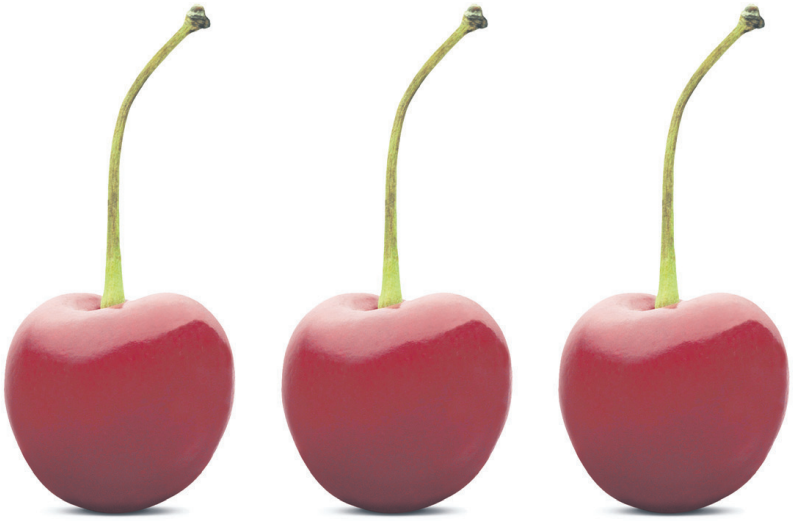


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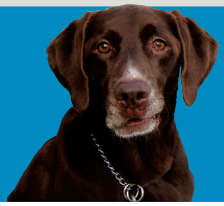
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Vehicles allowed back on Confederation Bridge

It's been a long wait for several truck drivers but the Confederation Bridge linking New Brunswick and P.E.I. is finally open again. Restrictions on high-sided vehicles were lifted just after 7 a.m. yesterday. The span was closed to trucks and other high-sided vehicles early Friday because of strong winds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada



Police dog 'smiles' after big pot bust

Most people can recognize when their dog is happy, but Otis, an RCMP chocolate Labrador retriever, doesn't leave anyone guessing. Officers with the Mounties Road Safety Unit stopped a vehicle about 30 kilometres east of Osoyoos, B.C., on Thursday morning. Officers knew something wasn't right and that's when they brought in Otis, who sniffed out about 1.5 kilograms of marijuana and several thousand dollars in cash. A picture taken of Otis, left, just after the bust shows the dog smiling THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP boss slams complaints chair

The head of the RCMP is bidding the force's complaints commissioner farewell by accusing him of creating an "inaccurate" picture that suggests the Mounties have obstructed the federal police agency's independent watchdog.

"An inaccurate perception of the actions and motivations of the RCMP has been created."
RCMP Commissioner William Elliott

The final weeks of Paul Kennedy's term as the chair of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP have been marked by a public squabble with RCMP Commissioner William Elliott.

Kennedy, who leaves his post at the end of the month, released two damning reports last week while describing the force as a "massively inert" organization that is resistant to change.

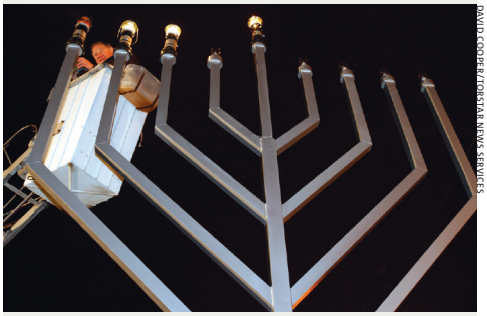
And in both cases — first a report into the death of Robert Dziekanski and then another into the use of a Taser on a 15-year-old girl in the Northwest Territories — Elliott posted letters on the RCMP website taking exception with the timing of the reports and Kennedy's comments about the force.

"Of more concern is the impression left by your public comments that the RCMP, and I as commissioner, are motivated or have attempted to prevent reports critical of the force from being made public. I categorically reject this," Elliott wrote to Kennedy in a letter released by the RCMP on Friday. "An inaccurate perception of the actions and motivations of the RCMP has been created."

Typically, reports from the complaints commission include a response from the RCMP, but Kennedy set the release dates for the latest pair of reports before the force had formally replied.

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Toronto **Lighting the menorah**



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Toronto Coun. Howard Moscoe lights the menorah on the third evening of Hanukkah observance last night.

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard says operating bases that have been home to Canadian infantry in Kandahar province will become increasingly empty. Instead, he tells The Canadian Press, the troops will be moving out of the relative safety of the bases into Kandahar city and other large towns. It's the only way, he says, to show Afghans that coalition troops are willing to share the risks they face from the insurgents.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Security certificates under review

TERROR The federal government has launched a sweeping review of a crumbling anti-terrorist law, acknowledging the system needs fixing, The Canadian Press has learned.

The review of the rickety national-security certificate system could scrap or revamp a law used to arrest and deport non-Canadians considered a threat to national security.

Certificates have existed for three decades, and more than two dozen have been issued since 1991.

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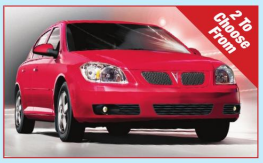
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Canadian soldier charged in Australia

A Canadian soldier who was on leave from duty in Afghanistan has been charged with sexual assault in Australia. Sapper David Langlois-Fequet was arrested earlier this week in Byron Bay on Australia's east coast. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Prisoner abuse problem is over, says commander

The presence of correctional services experts from Canada should go a long way to ensuring detainees handed over to Afghan authorities are treated humanely, says Canada's top commander in Kandahar.

In an interview, Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard also said that halts to detainee transfers this year were for "procedural" reasons, not because of issues of abuse.

"We have learned an awful lot from the past," he said.

A political firestorm has been raging in Ottawa over revelations that Canadian diplomat Richard Colvin repeatedly warned the government that Afghan detainees were being horrifically abused after Canadian soldiers handed them over to local authorities.

The government moved to change its transfer agreement with Afghan authorities in 2007, but insisted all along it had not seen credible evidence of torture in previous years.

Menard, who has only been in his position for a month, expressed confidence that the problem had been addressed. He did not say what would happen if Canadian officials suspected detainee abuse. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Torchbearer Ret. Lt.-Col. Charles McCabe, right, and Ret. Maj. Ron Currie stand at the National War Memorial after McCabe handed off the Olympic flame to Currie in Ottawa yesterday. The Olympic flame, which travelled all the way from Olympia in Greece, is now on its 44th day of its 106-day cross-country relay which will end in Vancouver on Feb. 12, 2010.

MPs learn how not to tweet

No tweets allowed about that bagel you had for breakfast.

Only a twit would have a staffer tweet in their place.

Those are among the dos and don'ts that parliamentarians are learning as communication firms across Canada leap into the growing business of social media training to help politicians negotiate the minefield of Facebook and Twitter.

Social media is fraught with electoral rewards and risks of embarrassing gaffes going viral, but communications strategist Ken Chapman has a message for politicians who are too timid to tweet.

"You cannot ignore this and you cannot avoid it," he says, "I think Twitter is to 21st-century politics what television was to 20th-century politics."

That means when a politician puts a toe out of line — tweeting, as Liberal MP Michelle Simson did, that Conservative MP Dean Del Mastro "should grow up (not out)" — it can force an apology in the House of Commons, as Simson did later the same day.

Chapman's Edmonton-based company, Cambridge Strategies Inc., has refocused from traditional media training to online media training. He advises clients to forget the notion that online posts are frivolous.

Chapman uses a formula to help politicians make the best use of social media. You should spend 50 per cent of your time listening to the conversation, 25 per cent responding to it and 25 per cent creating your own comments, he says. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Pedophile conspiracy report to be released this week

An inquiry spurred by murky rumours of a clandestine pedophile ring and coverup conspiracy in eastern Ontario will release its final report tomorrow, four years after being struck.

The release is the culmination of the Cornwall inquiry, which ended up with a $53-million price tag examining institutional responses to historical allegations of sex abuse.

The government estimates the final tab for the Ministry of the Attorney General will be $50 million, in addition to a $3.2 million special assistance grant for the city from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Social Housing for costs the city. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Woman missing since Saturday near Iqaluit
Searchers have been unable to find any sign of a 39-year-old woman in Nunavut who took her dogs for a walk and didn't return home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa should share heat: Tobacco firms

Companies say government is liable defendant

In the waning days of the cigarette's cool cache in the late 1960s, as the dangers of lighting up were becoming more and more apparent, the federal government invested its research dollars into developing "safer" low-tar varieties, say tobacco companies.

So when a landmark British Columbia lawsuit seeking repayment for billions of dollars in smoking-related health-care costs goes to court, the federal government should share some of the heat, they argue.

Imperial Tobacco Canada, along with Rothmans, Benson and Hedges and JTI-Macdonald, is seeking to bring Ottawa into the proceedings as a third-party defendant. They claim that decades ago the government worked with them to develop products now known to cause cancer and disease.

"(Low-tar) cigarettes were manufactured at the instigation and with the co-operation of the federal government," said Eric Gagnon, a spokesman for Imperial Tobacco. "We think it's important that the federal government is held responsible for its decision and actions related to light and mild (cigarettes)."

They were handed a partial victory last week when the B.C. Court of Appeal ruled that the trial will hear some of the allegations against the federal government when it begins in September 2011. B.C. will be the first of several provinces to go to court against the tobacco companies in similar lawsuits.

In trial documents that have not yet been tested in court, the tobacco companies allege that around 1969, officials with Agriculture Canada at the Delhi Research Station in southwestern Ontario began extensive research and work towards developing strains of tobacco to be used in lower toxicity cigarettes.

Called the Less Hazardous Cigarette Programme, its work continued until the late 1980s.

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Argument

- Researchers and health advocates don't deny the government developed new tobacco varieties, but they argue it did so in good faith — believing along with many other health authorities they would cause less harm.

Case of missing T.O. teen on U.S. crime show

TORONTO The case of a Toronto teenager who has been missing since September was mentioned on America's Most Wanted Saturday night.

The high-profile crime show made a brief mention of the mysterious disappearance of Toronto teenager Mariam Makhniashvili.

The case is also profiled on the show's website.

The 18-year-old girl disappeared Sept. 14 while walking to her school in central Toronto.

Police have never detected any evidence of foul play after knocking on thousands of doors and searching parks and ravines.

She moved to Canada from the Republic of Georgia last summer and speaks little English.

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Que. residents rally against uranium

Sept-Iles residents continue to pressure Quebec to slap a moratorium on uranium exploration in the province, despite the government's promise to open a debate on health and safety concerns surrounding the industry.

Some 1,000 protesters gathered yesterday in the town about 900 kilometres northwest of Montreal on the North Shore.

They were backing 20 doctors who threatened to quit their practice in the remote Quebec region because of plans to build a uranium mine nearby.

"We're showing our support," said Marc Fafard, spokesman and founder of a grassroots group opposed to uranium mining in the province.

"We want to show how proud we are of the doctors to have finally made this a provincial debate. Like it should be."

The province's head of public health, Dr. Alain Poirier, met with the doctors last week.

Poirier later announced Quebec would create a special committee to study the potential risks of uranium exploration and mining on health and safety.

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Summit may bring fuel levy

A tax to pay for carbon emissions didn't fly in Canada when the federal Liberals campaigned on it in the last election. The thought of paying more for gas, home heating or even food from the local market sent party leader Stéphane Dion's campaign into a tailspin.

But the decisions being made at the UN conference on global emissions mean that Canadians may very well pay some form of levy for the fossil fuels used to take exotic vacations or import fancy goods.

Proceeds from any such levy would go to the world's poorest countries to help them adapt to the effects of climate change, such as rising sea levels, as well as develop clean sources of energy. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

NOVA SCOTIA Members of council in Truro, N.S., are distancing themselves from remarks made earlier last week by Mayor Bill Mills regarding a gay hookup spot in the town. At issue is a bylaw vote before council proposing to limit access to a street and park that is said to be a favourite meeting spot for gay men. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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From call girl to columnist

The New York Post has hired Ashley Dupre, the former call girl whose tryst with former New York governor Eliot Spitzer led to his resignation last year, to write a weekly advice column dealing with sex and relationships. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World



Palace denies Queen is passing off duties

Buckingham Palace has denied a newspaper report that the Queen is passing more of her duties to her grandson, Prince William. Royal spokesman Miguel Head said the report that William, left, is being groomed to be "shadow king," bypassing his father Prince Charles, is nonsense. The Mail yesterday said on its front page that the Queen is handing over a substantial part of her public duties to the prince to ease the 83-year-old monarch's workload. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brown changes tune to Karzai

AFGHANISTAN Britain's prime minister worked yesterday to smooth relations with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and renew Britain's commitment to the war despite its unpopularity back home. Prime Minister Gordon Brown said he would ship helicopters, equipment and roadside bomb surveillance devices along with 500 reinforcements he recently announced will join 9,500 British troops deployed mostly in southern Afghanistan. Brown had recently sharply criticized the Afghan leader, saying that Britain would not continue risking the lives of its soldiers to defend a corrupt government.

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Obama unhappy with gate-crashing

WASHINGTON U.S. President Barack Obama says the White House gate-crashers got in through a "screw-up," he's unhappy with those involved and it won't happen again. "These people should not have gotten through the gate," Obama told 60 Minutes last night. Obama answered "yes," when asked whether he was "seriously angry" about the intrusion. "That's why it won't happen again."

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SCANLIFE

Supporters rally around an Iranian student reportedly forced to wear women's clothing by authorities by posting hundreds of photos of men in women's garb. Scan this barcode for the full story.

Hundreds detained in Copenhagen

Police crack down on protesters as officials meet for private climate talks

Danish police outnumbered protesters yesterday, detaining more than 200 people on a second day of demonstrations as environment ministers met for informal talks to advance negotiations on a new pact.

Meanwhile, church bells in Denmark and other countries rang 350 times, a number that refers to what many scientists consider a safe level of carbon dioxide in the air.

Police stopped an unauthorized demonstration headed toward the city's harbour and carried out a security check of some of the participants, Copenhagen police spokesman Flemming Steen Munch told The Associated Press.

The hundreds of demonstrators were outnumbered by police officers in riot gear who surrounded them. Steen Munch said police found bolt-cutters and gas masks when they searched a truck that led the demonstration. At least 200 activists were detained, he said.

Go Green

A day earlier, police had detained nearly 1,000 activists at the tail end of a 40,000-strong march toward the suburban conference centre where the 192-nation UN climate conference is being held.

The detainees were from a range of European countries as well as the U.S, Kenya, Belarus, Japan, Mongolia, China and Turkey, police said.

Only 13 of them remained in custody yesterday. Of those, three — two Danes and a Frenchman — were set to be arraigned in court on preliminary charges of fighting with police.



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Danish police arrest demonstrators yesterday in Copenhagen.

Police said they detained the activists when some of them started breaking windows of buildings in downtown Copenhagen. A police officer received minor injuries when he was hit by a rock thrown from the group and one protester was injured by fireworks, Steen Munch said.

Critics blasted the Danish law that allows police to make preventative arrests if they believe a demonstration will turn violent and hold suspected troublemakers for up to 12 hours without a court arraignment.

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$1.1-trillion spending bill goes to Obama for approval

WASHINGTON The U.S. Senate yesterday passed a $1.1-trillion spending bill with increased budgets for vast areas of the federal government including health, education, law enforcement and veterans' programs.

The 1,000-page-plus package, one of the last essential chores of Congress this year, passed 57-35 and now goes to U.S. President Barack Obama for his signature.

After the vote, the Senate immediately returned to debate on health-care legislation that has consumed its time and energy for weeks. The spending bill combines six of the 12 annual appropriation bills for the 2010 budget year that began on Oct. 1. Obama has signed into law five others.

The final one, a $626-billion defence bill, will be used as the base bill for another catch-all package of measures that Congress must deal with in the coming days.

Wasteful?

- The Citizens Against Government Waste said projects included construction of a county farmer's market in Kentucky, renovation of a historic theatre in New York and restoration of a mill in Rhode Island.

Those include action to raise the $12.1-trillion debt ceiling and proposals to stimulate the job market.

The FBI gets $7.9 billion, a $680-million increase over 2009; the Veterans Health Administration budget goes to $45.1 billion from $41 billion; the National Institutes of Health receives $31 billion, a $692-million increase.

Republicans decried what they called out-of control spending and pointed to an estimated $3.9 billion in the bill for more than 5,000 local projects sought by individual lawmakers.

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News in brief

OREGON Clouds hugging the flanks of Mount Hood frustrated the air search for two missing climbers yesterday, a day after their companion was found dead on a glacier on Oregon's highest mountain. The three climbers — 26-year-old Luke T. Gullberg, 24-year-old Anthony Vietti and 29-year-old Katie Nolan — had begun their ascent on the mountain Friday and were due back that afternoon, but failed to return. ºOn Saturday, crews found Gullberg's body on the glacier at the 2,750-metre level. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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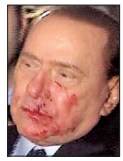
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Italian PM attacked

An attacker hurled a statuette at Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, striking the leader in the face at the end of a rally yesterday and leaving the 73-year-old media mogul with a broken nose and bloodied mouth.

Police said the 42-year-old man accused of attacking Berlusconi as he signed autographs in Milan was immediately taken into custody. The Italian leader was rushed to a hospital where he was being held overnight.


Silvio Berlusconi

The attack occurred at a time when Berlusconi, one of Italy's wealthiest men, is embroiled in a sex scandal, a divorce case with his wife and public protests demanding his resignation.

TV showed the stunned leader with blood under his nose, on his mouth and under one eye as he was lifted to his feet by aides after yesterday's attack. He was hustled into the back of a car, but he immediately got out, apparently to show he was not badly injured.

Berlusconi suffered a "small fracture" of the nose, two broken teeth and an injury to his lip, said Paolo Klun, chief spokesman for Milan's San Raffaele Hospital.

"He wanted to go home right away, but he is being held as a precaution" for overnight observation, Klun said. The premier suffered "a significant bruising trauma from this blunt instrument that was hurled at him."

Police first said it appeared the assailant had punched Berlusconi in the face while clutching a souvenir statue of Milan's Duomo, or cathedral with gargoyles that symbolizes the city. But state TV later showed a video, somewhat blurry, of what appeared to be the attacker's hand coming close to Berlusconi's face while holding the statue, then letting go of the object at the last minute as it hit the premier's face.

Berlusconi was "very shaken and demoralized," Klun said. "He didn't understand very well what happened to him."

Immediately after the attack, the premier, after getting out of the car and without saying a word, was pulled back into the vehicle by bodyguards.

The attack occurred after Berlusconi had just finished delivering a long, vigorous speech at the rally to thousands of applauding supporters from his Freedom People party in the square outside the cathedral at about 6:30 p.m.

Police identified the man they were questioning as Massimo Tartaglia, 42.

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Houston elects first gay mayor

Yesterday Houston became the largest U.S. city to elect an openly gay mayor , with voters handing a solid victory to City Controller Annise Parker after a hotly contested run-off.

Several other U.S. cities, including Portland, Oregon, Providence, Rhode Island, and Cambridge, Massachusetts, have openly gay mayors, but none are as large as Houston.

Parker, 53, defeated her opponent, Gene Locke, with 53.6 per cent of the vote Saturday in a race that had a turnout of only 16.5 per cent.

While gay rights issues were not a focus of Parker's campaign, she began her political career as a gay activist.

She campaigned against the passage of a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage in 2005 and has said she supports gay marriage.

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News in brief

ESCAPE Scores of suspected Islamic militants burst through a concrete wall then barged into a jail in the volatile southern Philippines yesterday, freeing 31 inmates in a nighttime attack that sparked a gunbattle in which two people were killed. The attackers and prisoners fled toward a jungle-covered mountainous area, an official said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nobel prize winner Samuelson dead

Economist Paul Samuelson, who won a Nobel prize for his effort to bring mathematical analysis into economics, died yesterday. He was 94. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iranian students say images are fake

Hundreds of students at Tehran University renewed anti-government protests for a second week yesterday, accusing authorities of fabricating images of demonstrators burning photos of the Islamic Republic's revered founder.



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An anti-government and pro-reform Iranian female student displays a poster of the late revolutionary founder Ayatollah Khomeini, as she covers her face to avoid being identified by security during a demonstration at the Tehran University campus in Tehran yesterday.

Students moved to the forefront of opposition on the streets with massive protests last week. They say authorities are using the images of burning photos as a pretext to crack down on their protests, which have helped revitalize the pro-reform movement.

State television has repeatedly shown images, ostensibly taken during student-led protests on Dec. 7, of unidentified hands burning and tearing up pictures of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. It was a grave and illegal insult against the former leader, still widely respected in the country. The elite Revolutionary Guard, the country's most powerful military force, called for the trial and punishment of those responsible.

Mohammad Nourizad, a filmmaker and activist, said that no matter who was behind the destruction of his photo, the offence pales in significance to the killing of protesters and the violation of people's rights. Iran's opposition says at least 72 protesters were killed in the weeks after the disputed June presidential election, while the government puts the number of confirmed dead at 30.

"When I saw how you tore up Imam (Khomeini's) road map for respecting people's rights and protecting their dignity, I had no power but to tear up his photo," Nourizad said sarcastically, adding that the government was using the issue as a "childish tactic" against its opponents.

Student activists say authorities are trying to discredit them just as they begin to put up a new, powerful challenge to the regime. The opposition's mainstream leaders have struggled to dent the power of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Iran's clerical leadership.

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Pandas urged to consider reproducing in Australia

ANIMALS Australian and Chinese officials urged two bamboo-munching giant pandas yesterday to consider reproducing during their 10-year residency Down Under.

Wang Wang and Funi, on loan from China, arrived at the Adelaide Zoo two weeks ago but were officially welcomed yesterday by leaders at the opening ceremony of their 8 million Australian dollar ($7.25 million US) enclosure. Their exhibit will open to the public today.

"Look after yourselves, keep healthy and active, eat your greens and maybe, when the time is right, think about starting a family," Gov. Gen. Quentin Bryce said in a speech directed at Funi and Wang Wang. "There are not enough of you in this world." The pandas, three and four years old, are the only giant pandas in the Southern Hemisphere. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Look after yourselves, keep healthy and active, eat your greens and maybe, when the time is right, think about starting a family."
Australian Gov. Gen. Quentin Bryce

Seizure of N. Korean weapons could affect nuclear talks, say analysts

NUCLEAR The seizure in Thailand of some 35 tons of war weaponry from North Korea and the arrest of five foreigners charged with illegal possession of arms may prove a blow to efforts by the United States to negotiate a halt to Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions, observers said yesterday.

Thai authorities, reportedly acting on a tip from their American counterparts, impounded an Ilyushin 76 transport plane, carrying explosives, rocket-propelled grenades and components for surface-to-air missiles.

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Idle engines burn money

Trade-off for a balmy ride is reduced air quality



Ah, winter — snow-capped trees, backyards transformed into skating rinks, cool, crisp air and if you live in the city, the smell of exhaust. That's because most people like to enter a toasty warm car, something that's only possible if you live in a warm climate or if you idle your vehicle.

The trade-off for a balmy ride is significantly reduced air quality. According to a Natural Resources Canada survey of driving habits, many Canadian motorists idle their vehicles for about eight minutes a day in the peak of winter, resulting in a combined total of more than 75 million minutes of idling a day. That means in just one day more than 2.2 million litres of fuel is wasted, producing more than five million kilograms of greenhouse gas emissions.

"In just one day more than 2.2 million litres of fuel is wasted, producing more than five million kilograms of greenhouse gas emissions."

While the effects of idling seem negligible on a personal level, they are clearly considerable cumulatively. In high idling areas, such as streets surrounding schools where parents wait for their children, the pollution levels are often found to be higher both inside the buildings and outside.

Despite this, most people I know idle. I know some people who remote-start their vehicle in the morning, then have a shower before driving. Somehow the message isn't penetrating.

Many drivers will swear that idling is necessary in the winter to protect their vehicle's engine. Not so, says the Alberta Motor Association (AMA). It recommends using a block heater for a maximum of two hours prior to driving. This warms the engine and can reduce fuel consumption by 10 per cent. Further, it says the best way to warm up a car is to drive it. Only if temperatures drop below –30 C does it condone idling, and even then it should be for less than three minutes.

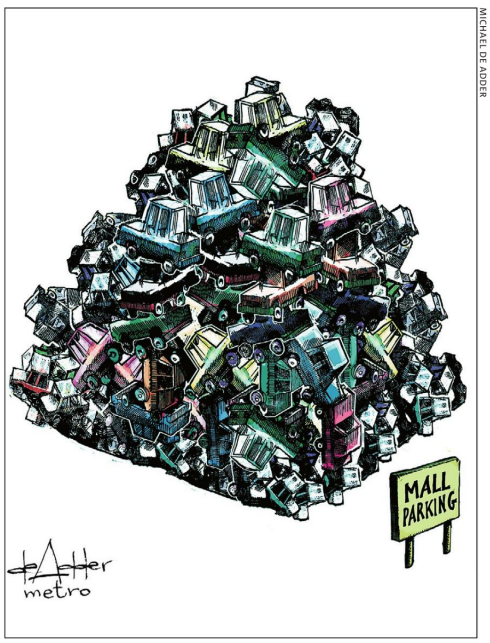
Idling actually harms your vehicle, according to the AMA. It generates water condensation in the vehicle's exhaust that can cause corrosion. As well, idling engines aren't operating at peak temperature, causing fuel residues to condense on cylinder walls where they can contaminate oil and damage engine components.

Idling is expensive. It uses more fuel than driving. Many fleet operators have implemented anti-idling policies to reduce fuel costs.

Anti-idling legislation is being adopted all over the world. In Connecticut, school bus operator First Student was recently fined heavily for clean air violations.

It shouldn't take legislation to stop idling. Common sense should be enough.

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Views

Impress others by talking about nothing



Today in our series on prepping for the holidays: The Art of Small Talk

Many people consider "party manners" to be an oxymoron. Much like "too much coffee." Or "bad sex." However, at seasonal social events certain standards of behaviour are required that may not be necessary at other kinds of get-togethers, like, say, family gatherings. Among these is being prepared to speak pleasantly to people.

The ability to make small talk is the foundation of social success. That, and knowing that an open box of chocolates with the nougat ones missing does not make an acceptable hostess gift.

Loosely defined, "small talk" is the art of conversing with someone you don't know, on a subject you don't care about, and for reasons you can't quite figure out. It is called "small" to indicate the amount of enjoyment you are likely to experience while doing it.

Small talk is such a vital human social skill that famed Polish anthropologist Kasper Malinowski Bronislaw (I'm not making this up) wrote many books on the art of polite conversation, but since these were largely full of observations about the weather, including, "My, isn't it cold here in Gdańsk in December?" and "Yes, it is," these were not big sellers. Later, Bronislaw studied small talk among the Kula tribe of the Trobiand Islands, expanding his repertoire to, "My, isn't it hot here in July?" and "Yes, it is."

Appropriate topics for "small talk" are easy to determine. Simply stick to topics that no one under any circumstance, in any universe, could possibly really care about and will take offence. This means, at all costs, avoiding themes such as politics, religion, any sport, whether Avatar was worth the $300 million, and dolphins.

Safe topics include: Lego sculptures, bobsledding and cheese. To be completely safe, restrict your remarks to, "Kittens are nice," and "I am holding a glass of wine." Tip: To improve your chances of being invited back, make sure you actually are holding wine as you say it. It is also OK to make critical comments about other people, though, as a general rule, it is best to wait until they are not actually present.

If, at the end of a conversation, you find you've managed to convey no information whatsoever about anything to anyone; congratulations. You've mastered the art of small talk.

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Worth mentioning

New Hampshire eyeing change to adultery laws

The original punishments have been softened to a $1,200 fine, yet some lawmakers think it's time for the 200-year-old crime of adultery to come off New Hampshire's books.

39 Convicted adulterers in New Hampshire years ago faced standing on the gallows, up to 39 lashes, a year in jail or a fine of 100 pounds. The punishment has been relaxed to a misdemeanour and a fine of up to $1,200 — with no jail time.

Seven months after the state approved gay marriage, lawmakers will consider easing government further from the bedroom with a bill to repeal the adultery law.

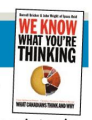
"We shouldn't be regulating people's sex lives and their love lives," state Rep. Timothy Horrigan said.

"We shouldn't be in the business of regulating what consenting adults do with each other," Horrigan said.

Some recently questioned whether South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford's admitted extramarital affair with a woman in Argentina made him subject to his state's 1880 criminal law against adultery. The penalty is a fine of up to $500 and a year in jail.

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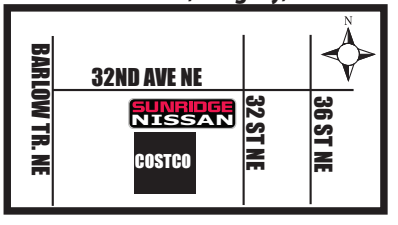
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Business in brief

INDIA Volkswagen AG started production of its first compact car in India on Saturday, hoping to capture up to 10 per cent of the country's fast-growing automobile market within the next six years, the company said. The Polo, a compact hatchback, rolled off the lines at Volkswagen's factory in Pune.
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U.S., Japan strike new agreement on flight limits

AIR TRAVEL The U.S. and Japan reached a landmark agreement Friday to relax limits on flights between the two countries, opening up the possibility of broader cross-border airline alliances and more options for air travellers.

Under the agreement, which still must be finalized by both governments, airlines from both countries would be allowed to select routes and destinations based on consumer demand for both passenger and cargo services without limitations on the number of U.S. or Japanese carriers that can fly between the two countries or the number of flights they can operate.

It would remove restrictions on capacity and pricing, and provide unlimited opportunities for co-operative marketing arrangements between U.S. and Japanese carriers. The agreement likely will prompt Japan Airlines and All Nippon Airways to seek joint ventures with U.S. airlines. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joint venture

- A joint venture allows airlines to share cost and revenue on certain flights regardless of which airline owns or flies the aircraft.

Wind of change for cell industry

The federal cabinet on Friday overturned a CRTC ruling preventing Globalive Communications Corp. from launching Wind Mobile as Canada's fourth national wireless carrier — a decision with significant ramifications for both Canadian consumers and the country's strictly regulated industry.

Much in the industry will now change: from the crucial minutiae of cellphone bills, to the shape and structure of the $16 billion sector that touches millions of Canadian lives, industry analysts say.

The quashing of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission decision from October, which determined Globalive was a foreign-controlled company and ineligible to launch, means big changes in the Canadian telecom sector, starting as early as next week — the earliest Globalive said it could launch in the Toronto and Calgary markets. For consumers, the decision is a clear win.
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Orangutan in danger
Asia's only ape — the orangutan — is in deep trouble. Climate change is adding to a range of pressures on its last remaining strongholds in the rainforests of Indonesia. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going Green

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Who will bear the burden?

Canadian politicians pushing for U.S. to shoulder costs of oilsands

Environment Minister Jim Prentice appears to be in agreement with former Liberal prime minister Paul Martin on who should pay for the environmental costs of Alberta's oilsands energy.

Martin has been quoted as saying the U.S. should shoulder some of Canada's carbon emissions burden because it's the chief user of energy from the oilsands.

Prentice, who is at the Copenhagen climate summit, says if Americans buy Canadian oil, the environmental costs should be absorbed on the U.S. side of the border.


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A tailings pond reflects the Syncrude oilsands mine facility near Fort McMurray.

Prentice told CTV News that's why the government is working so closely with the U.S. to make sure we have a harmonized system and a continental approach to reducing emissions.

The environment minister says whether it is regulations, or a cap and trade system, it must be integrated or we'll end up losing jobs in Canada and undertaking costs that are not our responsibility.

Martin said development should proceed at a "rational pace," and the resulting environmental burden should be shared by the U.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Greenpeace lashes Obama on climate

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
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There's little that Naidoo won't do...

Executive Director of Greenpeace International, Kumi Naidoo began his career as a human rights activist at the age of 14 in his native South Africa fighting against apartheid.

In the light of the Copenhagen climate conference Naidoo speaks to Metro about speaking out against President Obama, the struggle that is Copenhagen and most importantly, a legally binding treaty.


Kumi Naidoo

Q You recently spoke out against Obama's decision to back down on some of the commitments of Copenhagen...

A Ever since the Bali Summit, we have known that climate change was a major issue. When Obama was running for president, he was always speaking about the perils of the planet. He should therefore know that the more delay, the more risks of peril we run from climate related impact.

The more we delay action, the more we risk putting peoples' lives in peril. We want a binding treaty...We will push for this until the last minute.

Q Do you believe you speaking out made a difference?

A Some of our response has shifted the tone. Ban Ki Moon was pulling back and is now back to using the terms "Treaty" and "Binding."

Even the United States and China are slowly changing their stance.

Q What do you hope will come out of the summit in Copenhagen?

A To push for a binding treaty in Copenhagen. Recently, dominant governments such as the United States have lowered their expectations and commitment towards fighting climate change.

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Denver's Marshall sets record

Denver Broncos receiver Brandon Marshall broke Terrell Owens' NFL record for receptions in a game with 21. Marshall set the record yesterday on Denver's final offensive play of a 28-16 loss to Indianapolis. Owens caught 20 passes for San Francisco on Dec. 17, 2000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports



Nesbitt strikes gold

Christine Nesbitt raced to victory in the 1,000 metres yesterday on a golden weekend for the long-track speedskater, while the women's pursuit team added a silver and the men's team earned bronze. Nesbitt, from London, Ont., won in a time of one minute 13.36 seconds to claim her second World Cup victory in as many days. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Scandal costs Woods first major sponsor

GOLF Global consulting firm Accenture Ltd. has ended its relationship with Tiger Woods, marking the first major sponsor to cut ties altogether with the golfer since his alleged infidelities surfaced and he announced an indefinite leave from the sport to work on his marriage.



Tiger Woods

In its first statement since the Woods' scandal erupted, Accenture said yesterday the golfer is "no longer the right representative" after the circumstances of the last two weeks."

The move ends a six-year relationship during which the firm credited its "Go on, be a Tiger" campaign with boosting its image significantly. Accenture has used Woods to personify its claimed attributes of integrity and high performance.

"After careful consideration and analysis, the company has determined that he is no longer the right representative for its advertising," Accenture said.

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'It's a dream come true'

Martin headed back to Olympics after beating Howard

After seven long years, Kevin Martin is going back to the Winter Olympics.

Martin earned his second trip to the Olympics by beating long-time rival Glenn Howard 7-3 in the final of the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Curling Trials at Edmonton's Rexall Place yesterday. The Edmonton native will represent Canadian men's curling at the Olympics in Vancouver this February.

Martin, who has been one of Canada's top curlers for nearly 20 years, was uncharacteristically emotional afterward.

"There's a big relief after a week like this but it's kind of like that. You work so hard for three-and-a-half years and in a one game situation against a team we've played so often in big games — man, there's a lot of emotion that comes out when you win that game," Martin said while wearing his brand new red-and-white Team Canada jacket.

The 43-year-old Martin last represented Canada at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake, where he settled for silver after losing to Norway's Pal Trulsen in the final.

"We made it in 2002. Now to get another crack at it, it's a dream come true," said Martin, who was still letting the victory sink in.

"I think there's so much going on right now through the body that I haven't thought of that yet. We've just got to cherish this moment. That's a big win," he added.

Emotions were also on display from third John Morris, second Marc Kennedy and lead Ben Hebert, who will be making their first Olympic appearance in Vancouver.

"Couldn't be happier. Dream's come true. We're going to go to Vancouver and we're going to do our best to bring home that gold, boys," said Morris.

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Bernard headed to Vancouver

- Kevin Martin will be joined in the Olympics by Cheryl Bernard of Calgary. Bernard, 43, finished first in the round robin at the trials and made a draw for a single point in the 10th to beat Olympic bronze medallist Shannon Kleibrink 7-6 in Saturday's women's final.

Tucker's first goal since Oct. gives Avs victory

NHL

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Darcy Tucker scored his first goal in nearly two months, Craig Anderson stopped 19 shots and the Colorado Avalanche beat Calgary 3-2 last night to take over top spot in the Northwest Division.

Chris Stewart and Wojtek Wolski also scored for the Avalanche, who are 3-0 this season against the Flames.

Rene Bourque and Mark Giordano scored for Calgary. The Flames pulled Mikka Kiprusoff for an extra attacker with around a minute remaining, but couldn't tie it.

Kiprusoff gave up three goals, the most he has allowed since surrendering six in a loss to Chicago on Nov. 19.

Tucker's game winner was his first goal since Oct. 21 at Minnesota.

The Avalanche have won four of their last five to take a two-point lead over the Flames in the division.

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Colorado Avalanche centre Paul Stastny battles with Calgary Flames defenseman Robyn Regehr for the puck last night in Denver. The Avalanche won 3-2.

Colts make NFL history with win

FOOTBALL Peyton Manning watched disbelievingly one pass after another hit the ground yesterday.

Then he demonstrated how an undefeated team survives the perfect storm.

After throwing three early TDs, then three inexplicable interceptions, Manning led the Colts on a late TD drive to beat Denver 28-16, breaking NFL records for most consecutive regular-season wins (22) and most wins in a decade (114), plus wrapping up home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

"I thought Denver made some plays, and we had some bad luck with bouncing balls there," Manning said.

"We kind of weathered the storm, and the defence did a great job. So it was kind of two different games in terms of momentum, but fortunately we finished on a high note."

So high, it was previously unreached by any NFL team.

It was quite a day in Indy, which celebrated its 22nd consecutive win. The Colts broke a tie with New England, which set the mark last year, and became the seventh team in league history to start 13-0.

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Saints

- The New Orleans Saints beat the Atlanta Falcons 26-23 to improve to 13-0.



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Massa set to get back behind wheel
Felipe Massa's return to racing continued on yesterday when Ferrari said the Brazilian driver will get behind the wheel of a Formula One car in the "next few days." Massa hasn't raced since suffering life-threatening injuries in a crash at July's Hungarian Grand Prix. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

SOCCER Arsenal scored twice in the second half yesterday to win 2-1 at Liverpool and keep the pressure on Chelsea and Manchester United at the top of the Premier League. The victory lifted Arsenal to 31 points, three fewer than defending champion United and six fewer than leader Chelsea.

TENNIS Ottawa's Gabriela Dabrowski became the first Canadian to win the Orange Bowl tennis tournament in 27 years yesterday, knocking off top-seeded Kristina Mladenovic of France 6-3, 2-6, 7-5. The unseeded Dabrowski is the first Canadian to capture the 18-and-under title since Carling Bassett did it in 1982.

WHL Chase Schaber scored the game-winning goal in a shootout to lead the Calgary Hitmen to a 3-2 win over the Kootenay Ice in WHL action last night. Ian Schultz and Del Cowan scored in regulation for the Hitmen (25-8-2), who rebounded from a 6-5 shootout loss at home to the Medicine Hat Tigers the previous night. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Looking down the rabbit hole

It'sCalledFootball



Ben Rycroft

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How far down the rabbit hole are you willing to go, Alice? It's a question the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) needs to be asking itself right now.

Over the weekend news broke that UEFA is investigating Bulgarian referee Anton Genov for allegedly fixing a game between Canada and Macedonia.

The game, which was nothing more than a friendly, saw an unusually high amount of Euros wagered on it — specifically on the over bet of 2.5 total goals and on the number of penalties to be called in the game.

The game ended 3-0 for Macedonia and there were four penalties called — including one very questionable penalty that came in the final minute of a game with no implications or other importance.

UEFA has suspended Genov and barred him from all competitions while they investigate. Meanwhile, the response from the CSA and the Macedonians has been alarmingly predictable.

"The Canadian Soccer Association confirms that none of its players or staff were in any way associated with the alleged match fixing incident recently reported in relation to the Nov. 14, 2009 match which featured Macedonia vs. Canada. The Canadian Soccer Association has not been contacted by UEFA or FIFA in respect of this match," CSA general secretary Peter Montopoli wrote in an email.

Peter sent me that email just hours after the story broke. It's their standard PR approach, but it raises questions about how the CSA could confirm anything about that game, having just learned of it.

Had they conducted an investigation already? Had they spoken to all of the players? Had they checked to see if they had any new BMWs kicking around?

My guess is not. But that's the approach most federations take when confronted with match-fixing allegations — they choose not to go down the rabbit hole for fear of what they might find.

In no way am I suggesting that Canadian players were involved. But it is the responsibility of the CSA to fully find out. They need to do the due diligence, talk to their players and be sure.

Otherwise, years from now, we may wake up in Wonderland with Europe and wonder what happened.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Monday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca

NFL Talk about a high-scoring affair



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Donovan McNabb of the Philadelphia Eagles drops back against the New York Giants at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., last night. Philadelphia beat New York 45-38.





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Olds College opens Canadian Equine Centre for Innovation

Last week, Alberta's Olds College celebrated the grand opening of the Canadian Equine Centre for Innovation. The centre will incorporate leading-edge expertise, facilities, technology, and applied research to provide unique human resource solutions for the $15.7-billion equine industry. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology



Grad tax credit coming?

In a new report on pre-budget consultations, the federal Standing Committee on Finance recommends Ottawa create a refundable tax credit for new graduates, and make the credit available to those who move to designated regions and work in their field of study.

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What a cheesy job

OddJobs



Diane Peters

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Scott McKenzie wishes he could say the dairy farm in the tiny Nova Scotia town he grew up in had a big influence on him. But his family ate cheese from the grocery store.

And McKenzie, now 41, had a bigger taste for the theatre at the time. He studied drama and education at Concordia University in Montreal, and eventually moved to Toronto where he acted, directed, wrote and danced.

But 15 years ago, he decided to change careers. "I've always said theatre is something you do because you can't not do it." He took a job as a waiter while he though it out.

He dabbled in other careers, taking up massage therapy at one point. But then he realized he was meant to work with food and drink. "This is the stuff I love, so I should be doing it all the time."

By the time he was working a manager in the high-end Auberge du Pommier, he decided he needed a specialized skill to go farther in the industry.

Everyone he knew was getting into wine. But seven years ago, he read The Cheese Plate by Max McCalman. "That's what I want to do," he thought.

So he enrolled in the first ever courses offered by the Cheese Education Guild. After graduating — and now able to call himself a fromager — McKenzie immediately found himself in demand.

Whenever he wasn't at his manager job, he was doing freelance work at other restaurants, doing talks at wineries, running seminars and creating cheese courses for weddings.

"I think cheese in Canada is where wine was 20 years ago, I think it's going to go through the same crazy surge the wine industry experienced." Scott McKenzie

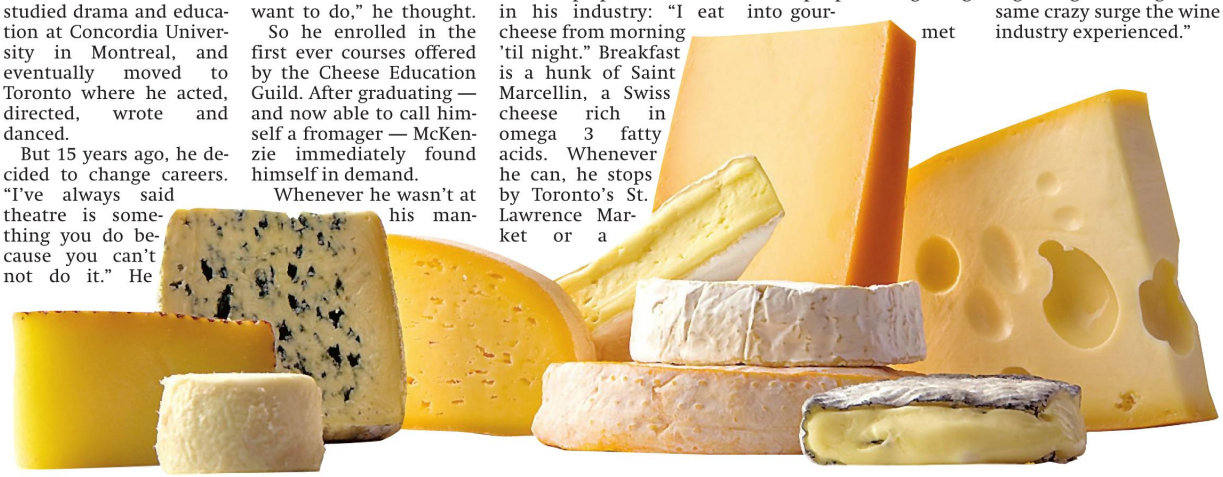
Three years ago, he left the restaurant and went freelance. Around the same time, he got a part-time job at George Brown College, coaching students in the school's restaurant.

To keep up on the latest in his industry: "I eat cheese from morning 'til night." Breakfast is a hunk of Saint Marcellin, a Swiss cheese rich in omega 3 fatty acids. Whenever he can, he stops by Toronto's St. Lawrence Market or a cheese shop for an array of cheeses: He'll set up as many as 20 on a board and do a tasting for himself.

You'd think that'd mess with his health but McKenzie is trim and has low cholesterol levels. He credits cheese's enzymes that some say help your body break down fat.

Health benefits aside, more people are getting into gourmet cheese.

"I think cheese in Canada is where wine was 20 years ago, I think it's going to go through the same crazy surge the wine industry experienced."





Scott McKenzie started in theatre, but his true love was cheese.

The Lowdown

Job title: Fromager
Salary: Depends on what you're doing, and how much you do it
Education/training: Courses through organizations like the Cheese Education Guild; the new Professional Fromager Certificate McKenzie is launching at George Brown College; tasting and reading on your own
Best Part of the Job: "People are so interested, they're so excited to find out more about cheese."
Worst Part of the Job: "Inconsistency. I can't ever say no to anything, there's no regularity to it."

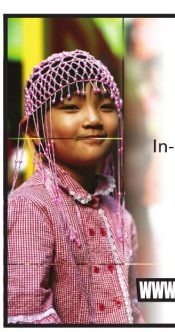
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Ah, the office holiday party — eagerly awaited for months, just as eagerly wished away from memory by unfortunate souls. Everyone has "that" office party story where someone crossed the line or did something incredibly stupid and sometimes the anxiety related to the party itself can be just as personally traumatizing.

Given that it all takes place among people you share your work with or owe your job too, the fun of the office holiday party can quickly turn to fear and regret.

Martin M. Anthony, professor of psychology at Ryerson University and author of the Shyness and Social Anxiety Workbook, says some anxiety is natural but often people imagine a much worse outcome than what is likely to happen.

When it comes to things like letting an inappropriate joke slip through, spilling your drink or mispronouncing someone's name, Anthony says it's important not to sweat the small stuff because, for the most part, other people won't either.

"A lot of times when we make these minor gaffes, we are the often the person most concerned about it. Many times it doesn't matter that much to others," Anthony said.

If you truly want to avoid those legendary water-cooler disaster moments, Anthony can't stress enough that limiting your alcohol consumption is crucial.

"When people are anxious they often drink more at parties, which can make you more uninhibited. Alcohol actually has the same physical effect on the brain as many anti-anxiety medications, but some anxiety is good because you need to monitor your behaviour to not offend people," Anthony said.

If you're new in the office and worried about not having enough to say, plan out a few talking points in advance and don't set yourself up mentally to fail.

"Think in advance of the kinds of things you want to talk about and challenge your own anxious thoughts," Anthony said.

Don't expect to be a perfect social butterfly at all times and don't worry about pauses and silent moments in a conversation — they are natural.

"A lot of people who are nervous about making small-talk are particularly worried about those little silences that happen during small talk. Silence doesn't instantly mean you're boring — all conversations eventually settle, so don't be afraid of it," Anthony said.

"Some anxiety is good because you need to monitor your behaviour to not offend people." Martin M. Anthony

Should essay writing be a university course?

It's essay crunch time on campus. Kelsi O'Rourke had three papers due last Wednesday in women's studies, neuroscience and psychology.

But as she worked late, the Brock University student would click on an unusual online game to remind herself about essay structure, forming arguments and citing sources in scholarly style.

The flashy new web tutorial called Essay-Zone, designed by Brock staff, uses graphics, jokes and quizzes to teach students how to write a post-secondary essay.

It's one of the more high-tech tools universities are using as they scramble to shore up the writing skills of students who they say, without Grade 13, bring less maturity and knowledge to the post-secondary table.

It's a concern at universities across the GTA.

"As much as high school tries to prepare you for university essays, it can never prepare you enough — I'm still handing in essays in second year that I think will get better marks than they get," said O'Rourke, 19, a psychology major.

"So I found it helped to have a tool I could click on at any hour because I've never had anyone actually teach me how to write a university essay."



Just because a student is able to get an A+ on an essay in Grade 12 does not mean they will achieve those heights at university.

Jill Brindle, Brock's learning skills manager, designed the online help for students who were too shy or self-conscious to get help face-to-face. "We made it like a game — very playful, with humour and lots of click-and-drag activities that give immediate feedback." Now used by more than 2,000 Brock students — some classes give two to 15 per cent of the class mark for finishing the tutorial — Essay Zone has drawn interest from universities in Montreal, Calgary, Texas and Hong Kong.

But using the tutorial with students is just one way Brock professor Andrew McDonald tries to bridge students' gap in writing skills. He revamped his first-year European history course to spend more time on the skills of research, writing and formulating a thesis.

"We have come to realize that (students') writing skills are very weak."
Brock Professor Andrew McDonald

"We have come to realize that writing skills are very weak and it's no longer possible to just ignore that," said McDonald, "so I spend less time on content now and more on analytical and writing skills.

"Students really need quite a bit of assistance with the mechanics of research. You just cannot go into a first-year class and expect they know how to write an essay."

Workology in **brief**

BCIT FACES CUTS: British Columbia Institute of Technology president Don Wright has announced that 82 full-time positions at the school will be eliminated, and the cuts will include management, teaching, and support staff positions.

PFIZER CONTROVERSY: Many prominent ethicists and researchers have signed a petition protesting the appointment of Dr. Bernard Prigent, vice-president and medical director of Pfizer Canada, to the governing council of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

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Good call

Bachelor reject Rycroft ties the knot
Nearly a year after being rejected on national television by Jason Mesnick, former Bachelor contestant Melissa Rycroft is finally a married woman. Rycroft swapped vows with her fiancé of six months on Saturday in Mexico. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Entertainment



No more Vuitton
Madonna has been dropped as the face of luxury brand Louis Vuitton. The singer was signed to appear in a string of ads for the fashion house's 2009 campaign. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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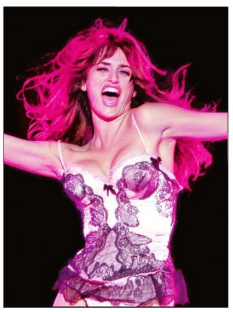
Here comes Oscar bait

MONICA WEYMOUTH
Metro World News

As the year comes to an end, theatres are seeing a breed of movies that are different than your average popcorn flick. They are very serious but inspiring; they are packed with big names and an anointed new star for good measure; they take a well-calculated risk or two. They are, in short, shameless Oscar baits, and studios are throwing them at the screen in order to qualify for the 2010 Academy Awards.

We've broken down some of the more conspicuous ones that are currently playing in theatres or are on the cusp of release, but we're not making any predictions.





The Lovely Bones, left, and Nine are among a slew of current and upcoming films gunning for Oscar attention.

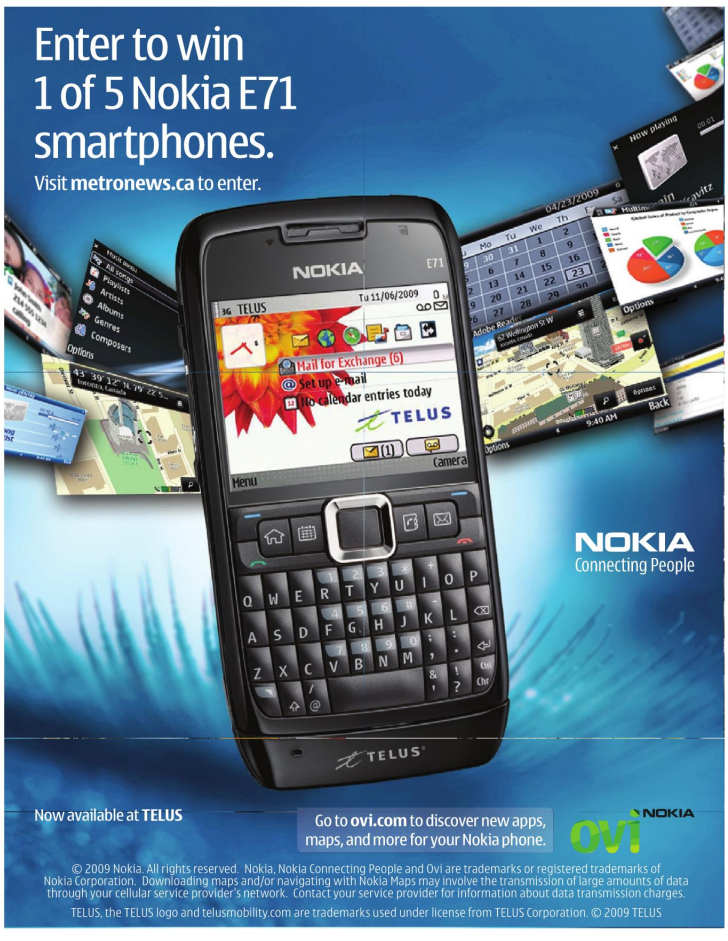
INVICTUS
Weighty and/or ambitious subject: Based on a true story in which Nelson Mandela teams up with the captain of South Africa's rugby team to bring together the country post-Apartheid.
Star power: Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon star; Clint Eastwood directs.

PRECIOUS
Weighty and/or ambitious subject: Pregnant for the second time by her father, an obese, illiterate, abused teen learns to read in an attempt to improve her life.
Star power: The buzz is surrounding newcomer Gabourey Sidibe, but Mo'Nique, Mariah Carey and Lenny Kravitz are also on the bill.

NINE
Weighty and/or ambitious subject: An Italian director deals with his mid-life crisis by getting tangled up with a number of women, all the while singing and dancing.
Star power: It's impossible to assemble more A-list leading ladies: Judi Dench, Nicole Kidman, Marion Cotillard, Penelope Cruz, and Sophia Loren.
Wild card: In addition to that A-list cast, Fergie and Kate Hudson are on board as, respectively, a prostitute and a fashion reporter.

THE LOVELY BONES
Weighty and/or ambitious subject: After her rape and murder, a young girl watches over her family and killer from heaven, hoping that someone will find her body and working through her own grief.
Star power: Alice Sebold wrote the bestselling book; Peter Jackson is directing; and Mark Wahlberg and Rachel Weisz star.

AVATAR
Weighty and/or ambitious subject: A paralyzed ex-Marine agrees to travel to a distant planet — which happens to be a computer-generated, 3-D world — for the chance to walk again via an avatar body. And, naturally, exploit their resources.
Star power:: The cast includes Sam Worthington and Sigourney Weaver, but everyone's watching director James Cameron, who hasn't done a feature film since 1997's Titanic.
Wild card: There's rumoured to be an almost US$500 million price tag on this years-in-the-making project, and it kind of looks like fanboy porn.



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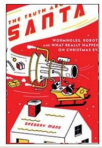
Legacy of the Special Olympics



Make No Small **Plans**

Author: Jim Jordan
Publisher: Chill Media Inc.
Price: $29.99 (Hardcover)

FORTY YEARS AGO, Toronto athlete and sportscaster Harry (Red) Foster brought the very first Special Olympics to Canada. Make No Small Plans commemorates his vision, a legacy that has grown into a cross-country opportunity for the intellectually disabled to hone physical skills and that has spawned more than 150 international chapters. Wayne Gretzky opens the book, which contains hundreds of photographs, original documents and detailed historical accounts. Tracing the non-profit's Canadian origins, it delves into the birth of provincial chapters and transition points that leveraged it to national revere.



The Truth About **Santa**

Author: Gregory Mone
Publisher: Bloomsbury
Price: $21 (Hardcover)

YOU BETTER WATCH OUT. You better not cry. You better not pout. I'm telling you why: Santa Claus has embedded listening devices in your Christmas tree ornaments, he's been reading your e-mails and listening to your phone conversations. These are just some of Santa's strategies, that writer Gregory Mone explains in his hilarious, science-rooted book The Truth About Santa. The guide describes how elf cloning, on-demand organ printing, memory-erasing milk and wakefulness drugs, among an extensive list of artificial means, allow Santa to visit every house on Christmas Eve and how he's survived so long.



Yours **Ever**

Author: Thomas Mallon
Publisher: Pantheon
Price: $33 (Hardcover)

IN HIS 1984 examination A Book of One's Own, American author Thomas Mallon tackled the diary, exploring the literary form's prevalence and relevance to different kinds of writers. Now, in Yours Ever, Mallon shifts his magnifying glass to a dying literary art — letters. Divided into nine categories — absence, friendship, advice, complaint, love, spirit, confession, war and prison — the book surveys all kinds of written exchange, from love letters to suicide notes. Florence Nightingale, Winston Churchill and wife Clementine, and English author E.M. Forster are among those whose letters Mallon mines in this thorough, explorative collection.

Brian Coulton/for Metro Canada

BookPicks

Anne fetches a serious amount of Green
A first edition of "Anne of Green Gables" has sold for a record $37,500 US at auction. The sale was made Friday at Sotheby's in New York and eclipses the previous record of $24,000 for the same title, which was set in June 2005. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gainsbourg and Beck compose

JÉRÔME VERMELIN
Metro World News


Charlotte Gainsbourg, the daughter of '60s pop icon Serge Gainsbourg, is releasing an album she worked on in collaboration with musician Beck.

Charlotte Gainsbourg — daughter of '60s pop icon Serge Gainsbourg — is releasing an album jointly created by US cult musician Beck. Metro World News caught up with her.

Q IRM is a very eclectic album — were you surprised with the result?

A I wouldn't say surprised because we worked on it for months, but I discovered new universes that I didn't know existed with Beck!

Q Did you have a list of ideal collaborators?

A Not really. I've always wanted to work with Radiohead, but that wasn't possible. I was recording with Air and met producer Nigel Godrick who was also recording with Beck at the same time. And that's how we met.

Q Did you ask Beck directly?

A No, my label called his manager. I didn't want him to feel uncomfortable if he didn't feel like doing it. We worked together for five days, then three months later he sent me the songs we worked on. I was immediately convinced and I really wanted him to do the entire album.

Q How did you find working with him?

A It was just incredible to watch him actually create one song after the other. He has a huge amount of creativity. I had the impression he woke up with his guitar and started composing all day. He would think of lyrics while talking to the sound engineer. The album was going in many directions at the same time and, the more we tried new things, the better I liked it.

Q Beck seldom collaborates — why you think he chose you?

A Well, I never asked him openly whether he was happy or not to work with me. Instead I tried to figure it out by calling his wife and his manager. From what they told me he was very happy with our collaboration, but he is a very secret guy and I don't know much about him.

Q Moving on to films, you won an award at Cannes for your role in Antichrist, but the movie provoked some extreme reactions?

A I now understand its inner provocation, but I still think it's a very honest and spontaneous movie. At least, I know I didn't make a movie with a misogynous guy.

Q You have said you don't want to watch the Joann Sfar movie about your father?

A Try to imagine going to a movie about your dead father. My family accepted this movie, but this doesn't make me feel like going to see it. I'm very happy that people still love my father and his work but it's still painful for me.

The Pee-wee Herman Show revs up for another round

The star may be Pee-wee, but his new live stage show is absolutely huge.


AP PHOTO/JOAN Y. MOLOSHO
Actor Paul Reubens portraying Pee-wee Herman

"The Pee-wee Herman Show," opening next month in downtown Los Angeles at Club Nokia theatre, cost millions to mount. It boasts 11 actors, 20 puppets and marks the show's first production since 1982.

So, why now?

"Well, you know, I really want to make a movie version of The Playhouse, my Saturday morning kid show," Paul Reubens said in an interview earlier this week in which he stayed in his exuberant Pee-wee persona.

"This seemed like a great way to do it: Reintroduce it, get back out there, introduce Pee-wee to the new generation that didn't know about it."

An impulsive, sometimes naughty child living a fantastical world, the Pee-wee character first made a big splash with the live The Pee-wee Herman Show, which debuted at Groundlings theatre in Los Angeles in 1981.

An HBO broadcast of the show spread the Pee-wee gospel across the country later that year, and a 1985 Tim Burton-directed feature film, Pee-wee's Big Adventure, was an acclaimed and popular success.

Then came the television series Pee-wee's Playhouse (1986-91), which ran for five seasons, earned 22 Emmys and attracted not only children but adults to Saturday-morning television.

Pee-wee was shelved after Reubens' July 1991 arrest for indecent exposure in an adult-movie house in Sarasota, Fla., resulting in a small fine.

"Well, I went back and forth between wanting to do it and not wanting to do [the new stage show]," Reubens said.

"I had a producer that was calling me every two months for two years. And every two months, I would change my mind.

"And then, finally, one day I woke up and decided, 'This is it, I'm coming back.'"

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It's a boy!

Kendra Wilkinson and her husband, Indianapolis Colts player Hank Baskett, have welcomed their first child, a boy. Hank Baskett IV was born via C-section early Friday morning in Indianapolis. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Smith's doctors, boyfriend plead not guilty to charges

Anna Nicole Smith's two doctors and her lawyer-boyfriend pleaded not guilty Friday to drug conspiracy charges and a judge rejected a belated move by the state attorney general and a medical board to suspend the physicians' medical licences.

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Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, Dr. Khristine Eroshevich and Howard K. Stern are accused of conspiring to illegally provide her with sedatives and opiates before she died. They are not charged with causing her death.

Superior Court Judge David Wesley rejected the effort to lift the medical licences of Kapoor and Eroshevich, saying a years-long delay in seeking that action undermined the claim of an imminent danger to the public if the doctors continued to practice.

"If there was an imminent threat to the public, why wasn't this done?" the judge asked Deputy Attorney General E.A. Jones III.

Jones cited several reasons why the California Medical Board did not act earlier. Among them, he said, "we did not want to interfere with the district attorney's investigation of the case."

Jones said testimony at the preliminary hearing supported the medical board request to suspend the licences of Kapoor and Eroshevich and have them surrender their prescription forms for controlled substances.

"The defendants haven't been convicted yet," the judge reminded him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trial Date

- The judge set a tentative trial date of Feb. 5, but indicated that would be a time for hearing pretrial motions.

Cooking with Gordon

Foul-mouthed chef invites viewers to cook with him

For years, viewers have watched Chef Gordon Ramsay reduce aspiring and even seasoned chefs to sliced and diced vegetables on shows like Hell's Kitchen and Kitchen Nightmares. So the prospect of cooking alongside him in a public forum is enough to make even the most hardened critic turn into a beaten egg white.



Chef Gordon Ramsay shows television critics how to make Baked Alaska at a press tour in Pasadena, Calif., in August.

That was the challenge last summer as critics from across North America were invited to prepare a dish with the hot-headed TV chef. Now viewers will get the same opportunity when Gordon Ramsay: Cookalong Live premieres tomorrow on Global and Fox (repeating the next night on the Food Network).

The Scottish-born chef and restaurateur stood before critics last summer at the annual press tour in Los Angeles and barked orders while dozens of scribes attempted to whisk egg whites into something resembling a peak.

"(Have you) never made a Baked Alaska before?" Ramsay shouted from the stage where he stood with whisk and bowl.

Most critics struggle with half-baked story ideas. We're usually the crabs being served on press tour, not the ones trying to prepare anything edible.

"Where the hell did you get that shirt from?" he asked one critic dressed for the beach. "If your cooking is as bad as your dress sense" he continued, dropping one of his usually bleeped F-bombs.

Still, this wasn't the rude Ramsay one is used to seeing on television. He was here on this day to promote his show. He promised he'd be on his best behaviour on Cookalong Live, too, as he helps homemakers try to prepare a pretty complicated meal in real time as they watch the hour-long special next Tuesday night.

He was looking forward to the challenge because, for one thing, he says he never really gets to cook properly on his other shows. "The biggest complaint I've had from, not just family, but from viewers, customers that are in the restaurant, is that 'We don't see you cook enough," he says. The French-trained chef, who has earned 16 Michelin stars, feels working in a far less pressurized TV environment should help him show off his culinary skills — as well as control his potty mouth.

The live special will present a full 60-minute challenge for chefs at home, with Angel Hair Pasta with shrimp, chili and tomatoes, Steak Diane with sauteed potatoes and peas and a Quick Tiramisu all on the menu. A well-stocked kitchen will be in order; a full list of ingredients can be found at globaltv.com. That's where you'll also find certain preparation tips online that will help home chefs stay with the program. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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critics' corner

Jennifer Hudson: I'll Be Home for Christmas
In this one-hour special, the Academy Award-winning singer and actress travels to Chicago to relive childhood Christmases by performing at her small neighborhood church, the music academy where she studied and other Windy City locations. Hudson also visits with family members, childhood friends and others who influenced her. 9 PM on KXLY



Johnny Cash Christmas Special
'Tis the season for red and green — and the Man in Black. Johnny Cash is gone, but his holiday performances linger on in specials he did in the 1970s, which Bravo! Canada is airing over two evenings. In this edition from 1976, Cash's guests include Roy Clark and Merle Travis, and pop star Tony Orlando. 7 PM on BRAVO

Mr. Bean
The usually hyper Mr. Bean gets even more excited during the holiday season in this special episode. His adventures include befriending a Salvation Army band, trying to get a giant Christmas tree home and failing to find the perfect gift for a woman — who subsequently leaves him. 9 PM on CBRT

Box office

1. **The Princess and the Frog:** $25 million US
2. **The Blind Side:** $15 million
3. **Invictus:** $9 million
4. **The Twilight Saga: New Moon:** $8 million
5. **A Christmas Carol:** $6.9 million
6. **Brothers:** $5 million
7. **Old Dogs:** $4.4 million
8. **2012:** $4.4 million
9. **Armored:** $3.5 million
10. **Ninja Assassin:** $2.7 million

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Sims spills the beans and Eckhart splits
Aaron Eckhart reportedly ended his month-long relationship with Molly Sims because she confirmed to the press that they were dating, according to Star magazine. "He's an incredibly private guy," a source says. METRO WORLD NEWS



Celebrity Buzz

Good Charlotte's good time buddy

JUST FRIENDS While some reports are calling Benji Madden Holly Madison's boyfriend, the former Girls Next Door star is labeling him her "adventure buddy," people.com reports.

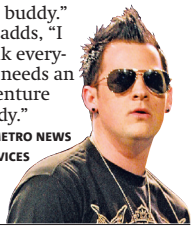
"I don't want to talk about him, except that I like him," Madison said when asked about reports linking her to the Good Charlotte guitarist.

The possible coupling comes after the duo were spotted in Los Angeles at a coffee shop. The two have also flirted over Twitter, with Madden even hyping Madison's E! show with Tweets.

The blonde bombshell wouldn't say whether she and Madden are an item, calling him simply her "mysterious adventure buddy."

She adds, "I think everyone needs an adventure buddy."

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Divorce gets dirty

A MESSY BUSINESS With divorce proceedings under way, new details are emerging about just how upset Brandi Glanville was over her husband, Eddie Cibrian, leaving her for LeAnn Rimes.

According to custody papers, Cibrian alleges Glanville slashed the tires of his motorcycle and told him that "it made her feel better," according to TMZ.

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Hudson spreading her Christmas cheer

SCROOGES BEWARE! Jennifer Hudson is on a mission to convert you, people.com reports.

"It hurts me so when I see people like, 'Whatever, Christmas is just another day,'" the self-proclaimed "holiday fanatic" told People. "I'm that person who's going to go over there and get you into the holiday spirit. And that's how I've always been."

With that kind of attitude, it's no surprise the Academy Award winner plans to help audiences across the country get into the spirit tonight with her first televised holiday special.

Jennifer Hudson: I'll be Home for Christmas features musical performances shot on location in Hudson's native Chicago (the local church where she got her start singing in the choir and the music academy where she studied, among other places). Hudson will also introduce audiences to her family, former teachers and childhood friends.

"The first thing you do for the holidays is go back home, so I went back home, and the next thing you do is spend it with all of your family and your friends in those familiar places. "That's why I chose to go back home and share it and make it personal," Hudson said.

As excited as Hudson is to share this Christmas with her fans, there's one person she simply can't wait to spend it with — her four-month-old son David Daniel Otunga Jr.

"I need to make it great for him," she says.

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Holiday house hunting

PLAYING HOUSE Though they continue to dodge questions about their relationship, Bradley Cooper and Renee Zellweger appear to be ready to take things to the next level.

Sources say the pair were out looking at homes for sale in Los Angeles, according to Page Six.

"Until Renee, Bradley had a reputation as a ladies' man and a heartbreaker," a source says. "But he seems so happy with her.

"They prefer to stay in rather than hang out at show business parties, and he has already introduced her to his parents."

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Upset stomach, upset Paris

VIOLENT ERUPTIONS Pop sensation Ke$ha wrecked her chances of becoming Paris Hilton's BFF when she threw up in the socialite's closet, female-first.co.uk reports. The Tik Tok hitmaker sang backing vocals on Hilton's album, Paris, and the two girls briefly became friends.

"We were all dancing, hanging out [and] I got overexcited and ralphed (threw up) in her closet. I thought it was a bathroom," she said. "That kind of ended the relationship right there. I wouldn't want to be my friend either."

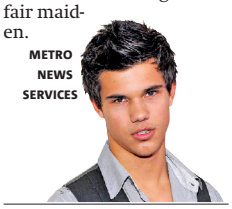
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Werewolf whops rapper on live TV

BELLA, I MEAN, TAYLOR, I'LL PROTECT YOU Just weeks after Taylor Swift's appearance on Saturday Night Live, her "really close" friend, Taylor Lautner, took centre stage Saturday to host the late-night sketch show, people.com reports. In his opening monologue, Lautner hilariously defended Swift's honour by beheading a Kanye West mannequin with some impressive martial arts kicks. The New Moon star, who was on stage during the rapper's infamous VMA faux pas, reenacted the scene — making himself into a high-kicking hero by knocking West's block off and then kissing his fair maiden.

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Winehouse's dad slights ex-son

A REAL CLASS ACT Amy Winehouse and Blake Fielder-Civil are definitely not back together despite their reunion last week, according to the singer's father, Mitch Winehouse, who claims Fielder-Civil made more than $8,000 US by tipping off photographers about their meet-up. "He has a funny way of showing his love. Nice earner though," Mitch posted on his Twitter account. He went on to call his former son-in-law "a liar, violent criminal and betrayer."

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Celebrity tweets

Spencer Pratt outsources his gift-giving decisions, Lindsay Lohan agitates her employees, Demi Lovato admits she has a problem, and Brody Jenner isn't being a very good listener.

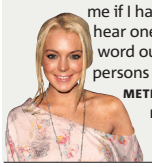
• @spencerpratt What are some gift suggestions for the best wife in the world? I know I have the smartest twitter fam so u guys will def help

• @lindsaylohan Having a heated debate w/ my security guard about politics&I'm seconds from leaving my table! Never debate over dinner!! You'll leave hungry

• @ddlovato I think I just overdosed on Schoolhouse Gummy vitamins..... THEY WERE JUST.. SO.. GOOD.

• @BrodyJenner Wow shoot me if I have to hear one more word out of this persons mouth

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Rihanna won't shut Brown out

FORGIVENESS IS THE SWEETEST REVENGE Rihanna admits that she feels "embarrassed" by her past relationship with Chris Brown, but she doesn't think she'll never speak to him again.

"I can't see myself never speaking to him again. There's emotion there. I think it's possible to change," the singer tells Glamour magazine. "He was my first big love and the more in love we became, the more dangerous we became for one another."

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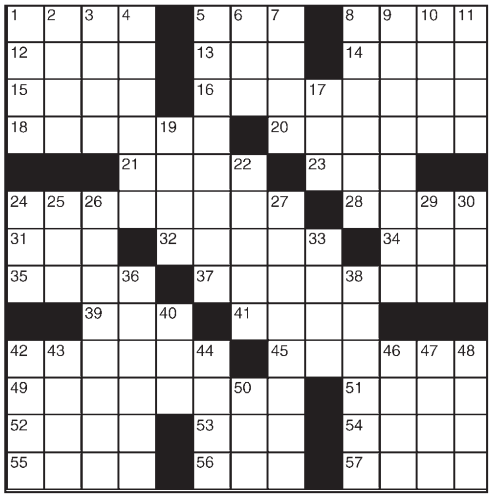
BREAKFAST TELEVISION



Today Morning Clouds -21 C / -32 C
Tuesday Sun and Clouds -9 C / -26 C
Wednesday Afternoon Clouds -1 C / -13 C

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist – Breakfast Television
"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta."
WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.

Take Five



ACROSS

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24 Assembled in order, as pages
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41 Laugh-a-minute
42 Big scissors
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54 Read quickly
55 Youngsters
56 Method
57 Gets some rays

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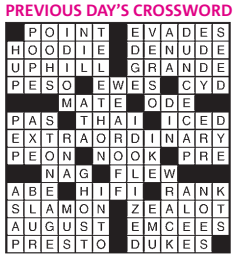
Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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		6	9		4	7		
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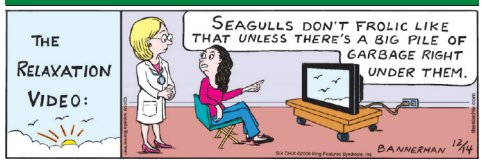
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Chicken Satay Stir-Fry

INGREDIENTS:
1/4 cup (50 ml) smooth peanut butter
1/3 cup (75 ml) coconut milk
2 tbsp (25 ml) diluted chicken stock
1 lemon, zest finely grated
1 tbsp (15 ml) vegetable oil
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 red chili pepper, deseeded and finely chopped
12 oz (350 g) skinless chicken breast fillets, cut into thin strips
1 tbsp (15 ml) five-spice powder
1 red pepper, deseeded and sliced
2 carrots, peeled and cut into julienne strips
6 oz (175 g) button mushrooms, sliced
2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh coriander

METHOD:
1. In small bowl, whisk together peanut butter, coconut milk, stock and lemon zest until blended, then set aside.
2. Heat oil in wok or large frying pan over high heat. Add garlic and chili pepper and stir-fry 30 seconds to release flavours.
3. Add chicken and five-spice powder and stir-fry 3–4 minutes until chicken has coloured all over. Add red pepper, carrots and mushrooms and stir-fry 2–3 minutes until slightly softened.
4. Pour peanut butter mixture into wok and stir-fry 2–3 minutes until chicken is cooked through and tender. Remove from heat, stir in chopped coriander and serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A financial opportunity of some kind is certainly worth pursuing but it may not be quite as wonderful as someone is trying to make you believe.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The Sun's aspect to Uranus today will bring about some surprising behavior among a group of people you thought were ultra conservative.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Chores and duties may be tiresome but you can't just forget about them, so you might as well tackle them in a more positive frame of mind.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Don't make too many plans for the next 24 hours because the approaching new moon will play havoc with your timetable.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Squabbles of one kind or another are likely today but for the most part they will be good-humored.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Chances are you'll have a lot of fun today but don't overdo it or you may regret it tomorrow.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
There is no point getting angry about something you would usually dismiss as not worth the effort.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You may be a bit too domineering for some people's tastes today, so don't be surprised if you get a few negative comments.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
If you can't get what you want today you will certainly get it tomorrow or the day after that.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You will be hugely enthusiastic today but watch out you don't get carried away and do something silly.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You will lose patience with someone today and it's about time. They have been leading you on for quite a while.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Generosity comes naturally to you but you need to recognize that giving too much away is not a good thing, either for yourself or for other people.





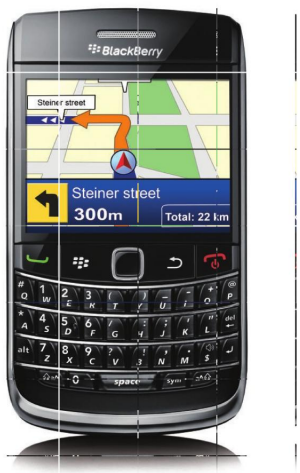
This day in history

1812: The French invasion of Russia comes to an end as the remnants of the Grande Armée are expelled from Russia.
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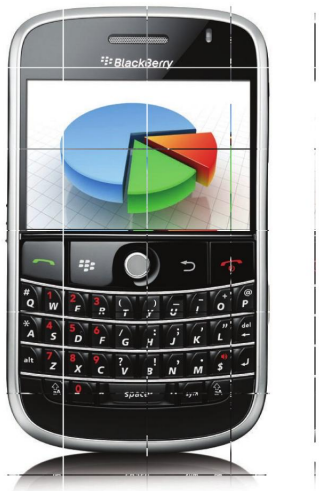
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